

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

Absolutely not. Most hearing problems are age related and easily taken care of.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

I cannot drive to doctor - have macular degeneration

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

absolutely not - I am well aware of my hearing short comings

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Certainly - My experience over the past 5 years has been positive and helpful.

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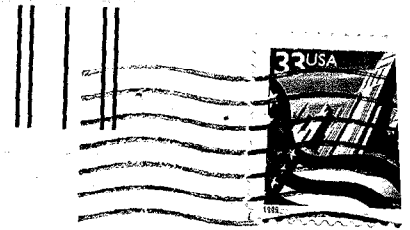
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